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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NDOLA-LUBUMBASHI PIPELINE

REF: STATE 273408

FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE REFTEL:

A. JOINT GOVERNMENT COMPANY NOT RPT NOT YET CREATED.

LUBUMBASHI IS PROJECTED HEADQUARTERS LOCATION.

B. PRODUCT FOR PIPELINE WILL COME FROM EXISTING NDOLA REFINERY WHICH CURRENTLY PRODUCING AT 60,000 TONS PER MONTH. (SUGGEST EMBASSY LUSAKA BE QUERIED FOR INFORMATION AS TO RATED AND ACTUAL CPACITY). NDOLA REFINERY OBTAINS ITS CRUDE PRODUCT FROM DAR ES SALAAM VIA EXISTING DAR-NDOLA PERTOLEUM PIPELINE.

C. NO SPECIFIC FACILITIES ARE TO BE BUILT AT LUBUMBASHI. PIPELINE WILL BE LINKED TO EXISTING PETRO-ZAIRE STORAGE FACILITIES.

D. SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE TERMINALS, E.G. KIPUSHI, ARE ENVISAGED. PIPELINE DIAMETER HAS BEEN DETERMINED BUT LOCAL SOURCE NOT SURE WHETHER SIX OR EIGHT INCHES.

E. LUBUMBASHI PRESENTLY SUPPLIED WITH POL PRODUCTS BY RAIL FROM LOBITO AND MATADI (SEE LUB A-60).

F. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, DECISION TO BUILD PIPELINE ALREADY MADE AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE CONDUCTED.

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